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USE OF REVISED NATO AND WARSAW PACT GROUND FORCE TOTALS

1. U.S. REP (MOORE) INTRODUCED COMPROMISE LANGUAGE ON USE OF REVISED DATA CONTAINED IN QUOTATIONS IN PARA 2 REF A. (I.E., TELLING THE OTHER

SIDE THAT REVISED NATO FIGURES SHOW SLIGHT INCREASE OF SAME DIMENSIONS

FOR BOTH NATO AND PACT GROUND FORCE TOTALS.) HE SAID THE U.S. INTRODUCED THIS COMPROMISE LANGUAGE AS THE MINIMUM WHICH THE ALLIES MUST TELL THE OTHER SIDE AT THIS TIME IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE SECRET

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CREDIBILITY OF ALLIED DATA, WHICH IS CRUCIAL TO THE WHOLE ALLIED ARGUMENT THAT THE OTHER SIDE MUST TAKE ASYMMETRICAL FORCE REDUCTIONS.

2. FRG REP (RANTZAU) EXPRESSED THE PERSONAL OPINION THAT THE U.S. PROPOSAL WOULD WORSEN THE ALLIED POSITION, CONFIRMING PACT SUSPICIONS CONCERNING THE RELIABILITY OF ALLIED DATA, PARTICULARLY IN TELLING WP THAT TOTALS ON ALLIED SIDE HAD INCREASED.

3. UK REP (BAILES) THOUGHT THE U.S. PROPOSAL WOULD PROBABLY INTEREST THE UK AUTHORITIES, SINCE IT AUTHORIZED THE AD HOC GROUP TO MAKE THE SORT OF NON-NUMERICAL STATEMENT CONTAINED IN THE RECENT GUIDANCE ON USE OF AIR FORCE DATA. SHE THOUGHT THAT THE FRG CONCERN COULD BE MET BY ADDING TO THE U.S. TEXT THE LAST SENTENCE OF THE UK PROPOSAL ON THIS SUBJECT: "NATO NEGOTIATORS WOULD BE PREPARED, IN THE CONTEXT OF A SERIOUS RECIPROCAL DISCUSSION OF DATA, TO OFFER OUR MORE RECENT ESTIMATES." BELGIAN REP (BURNY) ALSO THOUGHT HIS AUTHORITIES COULD ACCEPT THE U.S. PROPOSAL AND LIKED

THE IDEA OF ADDING THE LAST SENTENCE OF THE UK TEXT. HE DID NOT SEE ANY PROBLEM IN TELLING THE OTHER SIDE THAT OUR ESTIMATE OF ALLIED FORCES HAD INCREASED, SINCE OUR ESTIMATE OF PACT FORCES HAD ALSO INCREASED. NETHERLANDS REP (SIZOO) ALSO THOUGHT HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD SUPPORT THE U.S. PROPOSAL. CANADIAN REP (BARTLEMAN) NOTED THAT CANADA WANTED TO GIVE THE OTHER SIDE SPECIFIC FIGURES, BUT COULD PROBABLY ACCEPT THE U.S. COMPROMISE PROPOSAL IF SUPPORTED BY A CONSENSUS IN THE SPC.

RECIPROCAL EXCHANGE OF COUNTRY BY COUNTRY BREAKDOWN.

4. SIZOO SAID HIS AUTHORITIES DID NOT BELIEVE IT DESIRABLE TO SEND GUIDANCE ON THIS POINT TO THE AHG AT THIS TIME. DUTCH AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THAT AT SOME STAGE WE WILL HAVE TO EXCHANGE COUNTRY BY COUNTRY DATA, BUT THIS SHOULD BE AS LATE AS POSSIBLE, IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE POSSIBILITY THAT OTHER SIDE WILL USE THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPLIT UP THE NON-INCREASE COMMITMENT INTO NATIONAL SUB-CEILINGS. EVEN IF THE OTHER SIDE SHOWED INTEREST NOW IN SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS OF DATA, NETHERLANDS WOULD STILL NOT THINK THE TIME HAD COME FOR ALLIES TO PROPOSE RECIPROCAL EXCHANGE OF COUNTRY BY COUNTRY BREAKDOWN.

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5. BAILES NOTED THAT UK PAPER ON DATA (PARA 6, REF B) RECOGNIZED THAT ALLIES, IN CALLING FOR RECIPROCAL COUNTRY BY COUNTRY EXCHANGE WOULD NEED TO REBUT WP CALL FOR SUB-CEILINGS. SHE ASKED FOR SUGGESTIONS FROM COUNTRIES CONCERNED AS TO HOW ALLIED NEGOTIATORS MIGHT REBUFF ANY EASTERN CALL FOR SUB-CEILINGS. MADE IN THE CONTEXT OF COUNTRY BY COUNTRY DATA EXCHANGE. RANTZAU REMAINED SILENT, AS HAS FRG REP IN EVERY SPC DISCUSSION ON THIS POINT SINCE FRG MADE ITS STRONG STATEMENT AGAINST COUNTRY BY COUNTRY EXCHANGE.

6. SPC WILL RETURN TO DATA ISSUES ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 18.

ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION RECOMMENDS ADDITION OF UK LANGUAGE IN PARA 3 ABOVE TO OUR COMPROMISE FORMULATION ON USE OF REVISED

DATA (THE PORTION OF PARA 2 REF A WHICH IS IN QUOTATIONS).
IF WASHINGTON AGREES, WE WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY INSTRUCTIONS,
AS THIS WOULD HELP US PREPARE FOR
SPC AGREEMENT FRIDAY MEETING.
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